GOLF CLUBS ON TRADE LINES.

A THRIVING FORM OF ORGANIZED ENJOYMENT IN THE GAME.

Merely Local in Great Britain, but Nationalized in the United States-New York Stock Brokers Maintain the Oldest Business League of the Golf Links.

An interesting form of golfing and one that has only had a prototype in two other sports in this country-baseball and bicycling-is the organization for mutual enjoyment in the pastime of men in the same line of business. It speaks well for the firm foundation of golf that the need for such unions of fellow craftsmen, if the term is allowable, has become apparent. Such organizations are essentially nomadic, that is, they do not attempt to have a links and clubhouse, but as the members all belong to one or more golf clubs the custom is to visit a different course for each tournament. As yet in this country the trade or professionl golf club is made up of the bosses, the employers, but the next and inevitable development will be the golf clubs of the employees.

There are many more such clubs in Great Britain, where three divisions are to be found-golf clubs of one trade or profession, clubs of bosses or artisans, and company, firm or shop golf clubs, in which sometimes every one in the concern turns out for the tournaments, from the boss to the newest office boy. London has a long list of such clubs, such as Lloyd's Golf Club and the Civil Service Golfers' Club, both established in 1894, and by courtesy the greatest of all may be included, the Parliamentary Golf Club, which includes members of both houses and the press galleries To conceive the dignity and high place of this club and its members one should fancy, if he can, a golf club at Washington made up of Senators, Congressmen, department chiefs and employees, with the press representatives.

The oldest trade club in this country is probably the New York Stock Exchange Golf Club, which has been holding an annual contest at thirty-six holes of medal play since 1896. The scratch man from the start has been Charles B. Macdonald, amateur champion of 1895, who has usualy had the gross score honors, although in the early years, before being located at New York, he used to come on from Chicago to bid defiance to the Eastern members. The members of the Cotton Exchange have also had a golf club for many years. Nearly as old is the Produce Exchange Golf Club in which Frank M. Wilson plays at plus 4 and has never been beaten for the lowest gross score. There are similar clubs at the Coffee, Consolidated and Mercantile exchanges. The Silk Trade Golf Club has been in existence for some years, and there are in existence for some years, and there are some others of the sort in New York. Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia also possess some trade golf clubs, the former city having the oldest in the country of bank employees, with David R. Forgan as president. Class golf clubs of Boston usually include men of kindred affiliations throughout New England. There is a flourishing club of newspaper workers there and similar clubs at New York and Chicago.

Chicago.

Thus far in the chronicle the roster might have been a reproduction of the list, only more scant in number, of the trade clubs of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin or Liverpool, but what follows is wholly American in conception and development. In this country of magnificent distances, to confine a golf club to the kindred souls of one city would be too provincial and no "pent-up Utica" confines the powers of the Yankee golfers of similar business occupation.

Men of all trades in this country cater to what many be broadly specified as the Western and Eastern markets, in which the chief distributing points are Chicago and New York, and frequently there is an annual national convention of the concerns in the one line at some central point. As an ardent goifer seldom wishes to leave his clubs behind when taking a journey, it has followed that where minor golf clubs have existed in East or West there has been some lively chaffing and hot golf between the respective champions who have met at a national convention. By an easy evolution the golfers have organized Eastern and Western trade leagues and a grand, united golf tournament has come into being as a golf tournament has come into being as a side feature of the national trade conven-

The pioneer organization to so nationalize The pioneer organization to so nationalize trade golf is without doubt the Eastern Trade Golf Association, a title to stand for the manufacturers and dealers in steam fittings and collateral lines. The Eastern Golf branch is some six years old and for that period it has conducted a semi-annual transport at some private course near tournament at some private course near New York. The Western Trade golf branch is almost as old, but, while the local cham-pions and minor players have met in matches during the national trade conventions the formal trade championship did not ma-terialize until last year, but it will be re-

peated this year at the same time.

This championship had its decision on the course of the Atlantic City Country. Club, while the trade leaders were in selemi conclave at the nearby resort. There was nothing solemn at the golf course, for among the special trade rules to govern the play were these;

No restriction upon the amount of sand used in teeing. No player shall drive from the tee until

those in front are at a safe distance-say, thirty yards-or have played at least seven Any player teeing his ball in a bunker shall

If a player miss the ball and strike the caddle, the caddle shall be disqualified and sent home at the player's expense.

permissible for a player to ask his partner the line, but it is left to the discretion of the player so asked to give the right line

Players are requested to replace all turf; the soil, being light, is only suitable for graz-

Players in the duffer class will be allowed to use tennis balls; Indian clubs may be used by them on the green, and an ambulance will follow this class.

There is no such levity attendant on the nents of the American Golf Associatournaments of the American Goif Association of Advertising Interests, which has for three winters conducted a midwinter tournament at Pinehurst, S. C., which attracts competitors from West and East. The midsummer tournament at the Euclid Country Club, Cleveland, last year was the learnest retional trade of hempionship and largest national trade championship and minor cup tournament ever held in the world. E. A. Freeman of Montclair won world. E. A. Freeman of Montclair won the title, and the tournament will be re-peated this season at an Fastern course on an equally broad scale. J. G. Batterson of the Fox Hills Golf Club won the midwinter "ad." tournament in 1905, and this winter Robert P. Nevin of Pittsburg was the suc-

Robert P. Nevin of Pittsburg was the successful golfer.

The nationalization of trade golf is still in its infancy, but it is full of promise. There is no space to list all of the contests, but the newest on the tee must be mentioned. Since last season the Eastern and Western Freight Traffic golf associations have consolidated into a national organization. Men whose business is with the railward lines that thread the continent and the road lines that thread the continent and the steamers of its rivers and lakes are quick to regard all matters from a national point of view, which is what they have done in golf. All the members are directly connected with the freight traffic interests of industrials and railroads, its extensive membership including many presidents, vice-presidents and general officers of both railroads and the greater mercantile interests. Three tournaments have been arranged—in May at Hot Springs, Va., in the summer at a New York course and in the fall at a Chicago links. The one thing now needed to estab-lish a perfect balance in trade golf is for the employees to get together on local and

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They Get a Helping Hand From the Jockey Club and the Steeplechase and Hunt Association-Some Keep Up Independent Racing Stables - Trainers.

Gentlemen jockeys have won over the jumps and on the flat at Bennings and in the South this spring, and, before the close of Easter week they were sporting silk in the North at hunt club meetings and later on special occasions will ride at the Jockey Club tracks. Amateur sport in the saddle is good enough now to warrant several of the New York, Philadelphia and Boston riders in keeping up racing stables solely for the gentlemen races. There can be no profit in a stable maintained for amateur races, that is in a monetary way, but who cares for sordid dross in comparison with a thrilling gallop on the flat or a sharp burst in a steeplechase, with the glory of being home first among a field of good fellows who also ride for the fun of it?

Sometimes it is home in an ambulance after a steeplechase, but the spice of danger is a fair set off for an excitement that is only surpassed by war. In this country last year there was not one serious accident to a rider at an amateur race meeting. although more than once minor bones were snapped in falls and the riders were carried off the course on stretchers. In England there was one fatal accident in a steeplechase, in which an army officer riding in a hunt club fixture came a cropper by taking off too short and broke his neck in the fall. But even in England, where gentlemen have mounts every day in the season in steeplechases, the fatal casualties are infrequent and such a mishap should no more turn supporters away than a railroad accident should make the world and

his wife give up railway journeys. Some of the amateurs who keep a string of racing ponies and galloways are polo players, the playing ponies and the racing ones being kept in the one string. This simplifies the problems of management and the cost of the upkeep, the latter an important one to all but the very wealthy. There are sprints for polo ponies only on the card at every society race meeting and sometimes a pony good enough for an open pony race may also be good at polo; for instance, Stanley Mortimer's stallion Rondo, or The Crow, a noted polo pony P. F. Collier owned and Foxhall Keene often won with ten years ago, but more frequently the best polo ponies will be put off edge for the game by being raced. But it does no harm to train them in the one string, particularly as the big polo tournaments seldom conflict with the important society race meetings.

In many cases the owner of a string of ponies has some horses in training on the Jockey Club tracks, but manifestly the trainers and jockeys of the "great game" have too much to do to bother with ponies. Yet as a favor some trainers keep an owner's fast galloway as a hack, and get it into shape in this way, When Frank McCabe had Eole and St. Saviour in training for Frederic Gebhard at old Monmouth Park, he had also to attend to a very fast English pony called Rosarium. The pony was a glutton for work, and McCabe would send a boy to Eatontown for the mail every morning on Rosarium, in the calm certainty that the pony would run away with the lad both going and returning, thus keeping as hard as nails. Sometimes the conditions of a race state that it is for horses that have not been in a training stable for three months. or some similar condition is appended, but otherwise there is nothing against owners having their ponies or galloways conditioned in a training stable at a race course.

Hurdle races for ponies 15 hands or under at a mile and one and a half miles often figure on the card at club meetings, and many very good thoroughbred ponies are raced in such events. W. Gould Brokaw has in such events. W. Gould Brokaw has two flyers over such jumps and at the distances in Stepaway, by Talon d'Or—Waitawhile, and Grey Bud, by Boston Boy—Grey Dossie, and Singleton Van Schaick has another such customer in Simper, by Devotee—Muggs. But the great majority of jumping races at the meetings and those to provide the cream of the sport are of three sorts of steeple-chasers—for half bred hunters, for thoroughbred hunters, or open to all. The latter sort of ten brings to the small meetings horses of note in steeplechasing, while horses of note in steeplechasing, while regarding the hunters it is always stipu-lated that they shall be bona fide, that is, regularly hunted throughout the season

Flat racing on the great tracks would continue undimmed forever whether the amateur race meetings were held or not, a recognized hunt.

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although the interest in and knowledge of actual conditions they teach the partici-pants probably helps the "great game" to gain recruits. One proof of this is that some of the racing silks most often seen on the turf had their first airing when the some of the racing sliks most often seen on the turf had their first airing when the owners were gentlemen riders years ago. In steeplechasing the fundamental conditions are exactly the reverse, for professional steeplechasing quickly becomes a listless and stale sport. To encourage the breeding of horses suitable for steeplechasing the interest in fox hunting must be fostered, and, to keep up the sport at the highest level, amateurs must be encouraged to ride and the cooperation of the class who are interested in racing only as a recreation must be kept up. Hence, abroad and in this country, there is a close fellowship between amateur and professional steeplechase riding.

In this country we have the great race for gentleman jockeys at Belmont Park, the Corinthian, and in the Grand National there and in the steeplechases at the other Jockey Club meetings there are often special conditions to bring the amateurs into the

Jockey Club meetings there are often special conditions to bring the amateurs into the saddle. Besides these special instances, the Jockey Club and the National-Steeplechase and Hunt Association work hand in hand to promote a healthy interest in steeplechasing. The latter organization issues the licenses to gentlemen riders, of whom some views are now registered, and also gives sixty are now registered, and also gives the sanction that permits a hunt or country olub race meeting to be regular and to be

safeguarded by its rules.

The greatest meeting under the rules of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association is older than the parental body itself. It is held at the Country Club, Boston, and this year's meeting, on June 14, 16, and 18, will be the twenty-fifth in annual accounts. Steeplechases, are the great and 18, will be the twenty-fifth in annual sequence. Steeplechases are the great feature, but all sorts of flat races in which gentlemen may ride are on the card each day. Although coming so early, the Country Club's grand annual steeplechase has received thirty-one nominations and twenty-seven have been entered for the Duke's cup. There are seventeen booked for the challenge cup, value \$250, and \$1,000 added, and as many for the National Hunt cup. The two races are for registered hunters. The early entries include all the best steeple-chasers of Canada and the United States in the open events, except those of Thon is Hitchcock, Jr., although he usually sends his horses to the meeting and will probably make the usual entries in May, on the last

closing. In fact, the Grand Annual, which is worth \$3,500 to the winner, besides the \$250 cup, has been won for the last two years by Hitchcock, with Foxhunter and Hylas. The challenge cup is the oldest race for hunters in this country, dating to 1892, when F. H. Prince's Sherod won, and Hitchcock! Corring was in 1892.

when F. H. Finice's sherod won, and Hitch-cock's Gerrina won in 1893.

In the value of the stakes the meeting of the United Hunts Racing Association, inaugurated last fall at Morris Park, equals the consequence and dignity of the Country Club meeting, and it is also a great society turnout, with a half dozen coaches in the paddock and a couple of hundred automobiles in another enclosure. If the course is available, the United Hunts meeting will again be at Morris Park this fall, but otherwise it will be held elsewhere. The one sure thing is that the meeting will not be abandoned Three of the club meetings this spring

Three of the club meetings this spring will be very pleasant and successful gatherings, with a fine card of flat races and steeplechases at each affair. The finest will be the inaugural race meeting of the Country Club of Lakewood on Friday, with a card of five races, three on the flat and two steeplechases. To indicate the generous scale on which such races are conducted, stable accommodations are provided free scale on which such races are conflucted, stable accommodations are provided free for all horses entered and also free railroad transportation furnished from this city or Philadelphia. On Saturday the annual races of the Rockaway Hunt Club will be held at Cedarhurst, when three steeple-chases, a hurdle race and two flat races are on for decision. The chief event will be for the governors' cup, about four miles over a fair hunting country, held by L. V. Fromont of Squadron A, who won with New Zealand. Third on the list will be the race meeting of the Meadow Brook Hunt, on May 5, with four steeplechases in the seven races carded. even races carded.

At the Bennings meeting Percy Evans won two very good races on Mr. "Temple's" steeplechaser Gamecock and there was a representative field in every race in which gentlemen jockeys were privileged to sport silk. Cortlandt H. Smith of Virginia, who has been very prominent in fox hunt-ing and at horse shows, is to ride regularly ing and at horse shows, is to not regularly in races as a gentleman jockey this season. He rode at Bennings, and will be at the club meetings hereabouts this week and next, while he has also made many entries at Brookline. He has engaged Silas Veitch, formerly with Mr. "Chamblet" of Boston, as trainer, and his steeplechasers include

Palm Room, Oleroso and Loney Haskell. Falm Room, Oleroso and Loney Haskell. There are no new men of note to join the ranks of New York's gentlemen riders, or at least it is too early to pick them out. F. Ambrose Clark, who has been hunting in England this winter, will be in the saddle again, and also Harry S. Page and A. H. Higginson of Boston, who will be over for the fall meetings. Riders hereabouts on the fat or cross-country will include many the fall meetings. Riders hereabouts on the flat or cross-country will include many amateurs of note who sported silk last year, among them Putnam A. Bates, Edward H. Carle, J. C. Cooley, A. J. Antelo Deveraux and A. P. Deveraux, Dion Kerr, Fletcler Harper, W. C. Hayes, S. J. Holloway, T. J. Jarvis, Allan Finkerton, Eugene Reynal, Singleton Van Schaick, Langdon B. Valentine and L. V. Fromont, who won some good races last year with New Zealand, but lost him soon after the Great Neck races last fall, when the horse impaled himself and had later to be destroyed.

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"'My land, Ezry,' I say, 'how quick you are to notice those things."
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Who can deny that Aunt Panthes had dis-/eovered a comfortable philosophy of life? Fresh Egg for His Shampoo

From the Duluth Evening Here! A hen rode to Flint, Mich., under the seat of a farmer's wagon, and while the owner was shopping jumped to the pavement with a great cackling noise. The fowl was caught and taken into Gaffney's barber shop, where it was kept for the farmer until his t Under the seat was a warm egg, which the farmer gave the barber as a souvenit of the hen's visit. The egg was used in a shampoo a few minutes later on the heat Luke Stewart while the latter listened to of the cir cumstance under which the